



INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

October 26, 2009

Via ECFS

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45*
Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors
(Non-BOC ILECs with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million)

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance ("ITTA") has been the voice of mid-sized incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") since 1994. ITTA is an alliance of mid-size telephone companies that collectively serve approximately 30 million access lines in 44 states.¹

It is my great pleasure to nominate D. Michael Anderson of Iowa Telecom to continue to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") Board of Directors as the representative of ILECs, other than Bell Operating Companies, with revenues in excess of \$40 million. Mr. Anderson has thirty years of experience in the telecommunications industry, with nearly a decade at Iowa Telecom. He is a respected advocate for the mid-sized ILEC community. His professional resume is attached.

Mr. Anderson has served with distinction on the USAC Board since 2006, and currently is a member of its Executive Committee and serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board. In addition, he has worked on its crucial Audit Committee since 2006. I hope that you will permit Mr. Anderson to continue his excellent representation of mid-sized ILECs on USAC's Board for a new term.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Stamp
President

Attachment

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¹ ITTA's members include CenturyLink, Comporium Communications, Consolidated Communications, FairPoint Communications, Frontier Communications, Iowa Telecom, TDS Telecom, and Windstream Communications. See www.itta.us. One ITTA member is considered a BOC under the 1996 Act (Qwest Communications).